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Dear Sir:

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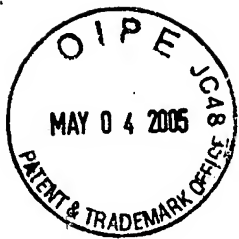
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**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of March 15, 2005 and applicant respectfully requests that the claims be amended as in the following pages.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.